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Sam's Club® Helps 10 Educators at Meadowmere Elementary Start the School Year Right through Teacher Rewards Program

*Teachers honored and received Teacher Rewards Cards during
Award Presentation Ceremony at Meadowmere Elementary*

Grandview, Mo Sept 30, 2011 – As Grandview, Mo educators continue to dedicate their time and money in our youth's future, Sam's Club® is helping 10 teachers at Meadowmere Elementary to purchase much-needed classroom supplies this back-to-school season through its Teacher Rewards program.

Teachers across the country spent more than \$1.33 billion out of pocket collectively on schools supplies, snacks and instructional materials during the 2009 to 2010 school year, according to the National School Supply and Equipment Association (NSSEA), a trade association for educational product companies. Through its Teacher Rewards program, Walmart and Sam's Club locations nationwide are investing \$4.5 million in America's teachers, providing 45,000 educators gift cards to help teachers offset the cost of classroom expenses.

"Sam's Club® appreciates the impact teachers continue to make in our community," said Todd Harris. "We know our educators contribute not only their time, but also their money to ensure our students have a successful school year. The Teacher Rewards program is our way of saying thank you."

Through the Teacher Rewards program, local Walmart stores, Distribution Centers and Sam's Club® locations across the U.S. are eligible to select one local kindergarten through eighth grade public school and provide \$100 reward cards to 10 teachers from the selected school. Winning teachers are able to use the funds to purchase essential items for their classrooms such as paper, folders, binders, clipboards, pens, pencils, crayons and markers.

In its third year, the Teacher Rewards program is an extension of Sam's Club® ongoing support of education and local community involvement. In 2010, Walmart and its Foundation gave more than \$89 million to fund educational, health and children's programs to help students in communities across the country better prepare for their future.

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